

REMARKS

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New claims 23-50 are pending. Support for the new claims is found throughout the specification and as further described. New claim 23 is identical to issued claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,153,380, (a parent of the present application), with the additional element of identifying the transdominant bioactive agent. Support for "identifying said transdominant bioactive agent" is at p. 34, lines 13-25. New claim 26 is identical to issued claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,153,380, with the additional element of identifying a target molecule to which the transdominant bioactive agent binds. Support for "identifying a target molecule to which said transdominant bioactive agent binds" is at p. 35, line 13 to p. 36, line 7.

Support for new claim 24 is found at p. 34, lines 3-4 and 13-14. Support for new claim 25 is found at p. 34, lines 24-25. Support for claim 27 is found at p. 34, lines 3-4 and 13-14., and p. 35, line 19 to p.36, line 7. Claims 28-45 depend from claims 23 and 26 (or dependent claims therefrom) and further recite identical elements as in issued claims 4-12 and 14-22, respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 6,153,380. Claims 47-49 depend from claim 46 (or dependent claims therefrom) and further recite identical elements as in issued claims 24-26, respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 6,153,380. Claim 46 is identical to claim 23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,153,380, with the additional element "identifying said transdominant bioactive agent," which has support at p. 34, lines 13-25. Claim 50 is identical to claim 27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,153,380, with the additional element "identifying said transdominant bioactive agent," which has support at p. 34, lines 13-25.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and an early notification of such is respectfully requested. Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned attorney.

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